

COUNTRY MINISTRY DEPLETED BY CITIES

Rev. C. T. Adams Explains Cause of Bad Conditions in Rural Churches.

A TALK ON COTTON

C. M. Barnes Says the Yield Could Be Increased to 3,000,000 Bales.

That the country churches of America have been sacrificing themselves and have declined because of providing ministers and Christian workers for the city is the opinion of Rev. C. T. Adams, who addressed the visiting farmers at the University Auditorium last night. His subject was "The Rural Church Problem in America." He showed that 85 per cent of the men in the clergy who have accomplished much were reared in the rural districts offering the last issue of "Who's Who in America" as his authority.

Mr. Adams said that the situation among the country churches in America today was appalling. That, of the rural districts which he had investigated, 9 per cent of the population was in no way connected with the churches. In 225 churches which he examined in person 34 per cent had shown a slight growth, 20 per cent were at a standstill, 25 per cent were dying and 21 per cent of the church buildings had fallen into disuse. Of 370 families living in the rural districts of Missouri whose expenditures were estimated, the average amount each family spent on the church was \$3 a year, the rest of their expenses being \$791.

The causes of the steady decline of the country church, according to Mr. Adams, are that most of the ministers who preach in country churches do not have a parsonage in the town where the church is located; that in many cases the pulpit is filled but once a month and then the pastor travels many miles to the place and is not seen again by his congregation until a month later. He also pointed out that the country church is used by many young ministers only as an experiment station. Again, the place of a country minister is discouraging, as he is constantly losing the better workers among the laymen as they go to the cities.

Denominationalism a Drawback.

He showed that denominationalism and church preferences have been one of the greatest drawbacks in the growth of the church, not only in the country but everywhere. However, it is his opinion that the churches in the country are more seriously affected, since they do not have the large number of people to draw from that the churches in urban communities have. The placing of the church before Christ, or what Mr. Adams called substituting "Churchianity" for Christianity, was one of the factors which greatly retard the growth of the country church. It is his belief that this is gradually passing away and that this phase of the country church problem does not require so much attention.

Looking at the problem from an optimistic standpoint and offering remedies for it, Mr. Adams said: "The idea that religion must be accompanied by formality and extreme dignity is wrong. The true conception of religion is that it is a joy-bringing, brightening, friendly and sympathetic tendency."

He gave an illustration of the old-fashioned idea of "the proper conduct of a minister." While at a picnic he ran, jumped and played baseball with the younger people present and he was criticized as lacking spirituality and dignity. He further condemned such an attitude by saying that it was this idea which was keeping many young people from attending social and other affairs conducted by the churches.

The establishment of parsonages in the small town or the minister becoming a farmer himself were remedies offered by Mr. Adams for keeping the country church open and keeping up the interest in it. Many of the ministers who have taken up Christian work in rural districts in earnest are farmers and this feeling of friendliness and sympathetic interest which exists between neighbors does much toward causing the pews to be filled on Sunday morning.

Allowing the young men in the country a holiday a week when they could have some kind of playful recreation was another reform which

MORE RAIN IS FORECAST

Weather Man Says Cooler Weather Will Follow Tomorrow.

The forecast of the United States Weather bureau, today is: Unsettled weather with rain tonight or Thursday; cooler Thursday afternoon.

The temperatures today:
7 a.m. 43 11 a.m. 51
8 a.m. 45 12 noon 51
9 a.m. 46 1 p.m. 56
10 a.m. 46 2 p.m. 56

was urged. Mr. Adams said that the present-day farm life was just as hard as it was fifty years ago, as the farmer only used the improvements to work more land or start more crops. For a young person many rural districts were exceedingly dull places and as an inducement for the younger people to stay in the country he suggested more time for recreation and the organization of social clubs and meeting places.

Says Preacher Should be Farmer.

The Rev. Clarence E. Hatfield made a short talk on "The Rural Church Problem in Missouri." He complimented the University on the establishment of the short course in agriculture and expressed the appreciation of the churches of the state for the advantages of allowing the young men and women from the rural districts to attend the University. He said that the seminaries of the different churches refused to admit them without certain scholastic qualifications.

Mr. Hatfield pointed out the advantages of a county minister in having some knowledge of agriculture. He could in this way give valuable information to his neighbors and through this manner of aid and friendship he could create an interest in his church and increase its membership. He also denounced the attitude of the younger ministry in wishing to avoid the commonplace things in life. He stated that much of the real service was in the less attractive fields and that many phases of the Christian work was going neglected.

Wants Country Banks.

Mr. Hatfield also appealed to the farmers to establish city institutions in the country and not to carry their money to the city banks or transact their business with city firms whose interests were not with them.

C. M. Barnes in a talk on the cotton raising industry in Missouri told the farmers that it was possible by correct and scientific farming to raise as much as 3,000,000 bales of cotton in the state, wherein only 100,000 bales were raised last year and the production was confined to Southeast Missouri. He also advocated the establishment of cotton manufacturing. He said that at present England uses 60 per cent of our cotton crop and that the finished articles were then returned to America and sold in the exact places where it was raised.

Prof. M. F. Miller of the agronomy department of the College of Agriculture ended the evening program with an illustrated lecture of the farming methods in several countries in Europe. Some of the products and the method of raising them caused amusement from the farmers.

Two speakers who were on the program for the evening were unable to be present, Mrs. Genevieve Clark and A. B. Graham. Mrs. Clark is still in Panama and Mr. Graham is ill at his home in Ohio.

INTERESTED IN ATHLETICS

Many of the Visiting Farmers Inspect Gymnasium.

The young farmers of Missouri are interested in athletics. Prof. C. L. Brewer says that many of the visiting farmers have been to the gymnasium and have shown considerable interest in the class exercises and contests. "It is especially noticeable," says Professor Brewer, "that so many of the young farmers are visiting us while here."

600 KINDS OF APPLES SHOWN

Exhibit for Farmers' Week Has Many Varieties Grown in State.

Six hundred varieties of apples are shown at the apple exhibit in the Horticultural Building. There is everything from the old Bellflower to the Delicious, the latest thing in the way of a successful commercial apple.

The exhibit from Marionville contains the best Ben Davis apples in the state, it is said. Marionville is in the heart of the apple country of the Ozarks. John L. Bland, in charge of the exhibit, is an orchardist from Lebanon, in the same district. The experiment station at Mt. Grove has obtained 150 new varieties by crossing the Ben Davis with the Jonathan, hoping for the prolific qualities of the first and the flavor of the second. There are 500 varieties of these ap-

ples on the south table. Every apple on the center table was a prize winner at the Sedalia fair.

All apples on display were grown in Missouri except a few boxes from Wenatchee Valley, Wash., and some monstrous apples of wax of the Wolf River variety.

FARMING IMPROVED BY GOSSIP

P. P. Lewis Says Talk of Farmers at Home Will Improve Agriculture.

The talk among farmers attending the lectures at Farmers' Week will do more for the advancement of agriculture in Missouri than any other one thing, according to P. P. Lewis, president of the State Board of Agriculture, who has attended Farmers' Week every year at the University of Missouri.

"A general interest in crop improvement and better stock breeding will arise from the gossip at the country store," he said. "There will be a greater desire for information. University bulletins will be in demand and farm papers will find their way into the country homes that already do not have them."

Mr. Lewis was for several years president of the State Dairy Association. He conducts a certified dairy at Crescent in St. Louis County. He has 100 cows, which produce about two hundred gallons of milk daily.

HORSE BREEDERS ELECT

J. F. Roelofson of Maryville Retains Office of President.

The fourth annual meeting of the Missouri Draft Horse Breeders' Association was held in the Agricultural Building yesterday and today. F. B. Mumford, dean of the College of Agriculture, delivered the address of welcome, followed by an address by J. F. Roelofson of Maryville, Mo., who is the president of the association.

F. L. Crosby of Mexico spoke on "Clydesdales in Missouri" and S. T. Simpson of Columbia on "The Value of a Good Stallion." Other subjects discussed at the meeting were: "Draft Mules for Mule Production" by Col. R. F. Harriman of Buncheon; "Missouri Draft Horse Progress" by Harry Graham of Chillicothe, and "Some Factors in the Production of Pure Bred Draft Horses" by W. L. Houser of Mondin, Wis. Mr. Houser is the man who raised Princess Fortune, at one time the world's champion Clydesdale mare.

J. F. Roelofson of Maryville was re-elected president, Dr. S. D. Henry of Excelsior Springs was made vice-president and Prof. E. A. Trowbridge was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

M. U. CAFE MUST BAR VISITORS

Cafeteria Issued "Membership Cards" to Regular Patrons.

Monday night the Cafeteria issued membership cards to its customers as precaution against overcrowding by the numerous visitors who will be in the city during the next few days. The cards read:

"This week—Farmers' Week—a great many visitors will want to come to the Cafeteria. It is obvious to our regular patrons that we are serving about all the people we can serve well. So we ask you to cooperate in keeping the Cafeteria for our regular Cafeteria patrons. This card will admit you to the Cafeteria. Nobody will be admitted without one. Please do not bring out-of-town visitors with you this week. We cannot serve them. Remember this is your membership card. Bring it with you."

FARMERS SHOULD COOPERATE

N. P. Jacobson Tells of Organization in Ozark Region.

"How can the farmer make money to enjoy the privileges of life?" N. P. Jacobson, secretary of the Ozark Dairy Association, says that small farmers need to cooperate. The large farmer may be master of his market and production.

Seven farmers did not want to market their cream locally for trade, and organized to ship for cash. As a result the Ozark Dairy Association was formed four years ago. It includes a dozen towns and has 720 members. Last year rather than contract 400,000 pounds of butterfat at 3½ cents below Elgin prices the association built a \$10,000 creamery at Willow Springs. When supplies were high and scarce these farmers incorporated, built a store at Diggins, and now sell feed, seed, fertilizer and machinery at low prices.

"It is not so much what you make but it is the balance at the end of the year that counts," said Mr. Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson says that thousands

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FARMERS NOW COME FROM OTHER STATES

Total Registration Early Today Had Reached 650—Still Arriving.

ONE FROM FLORIDA

Kansas and Illinois Send Most of Visitors From out of State.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM.

Music.
Better Side of Farming, W. L. Houser.
Swine Plague, Dr. W. B. Niles.
Study of Agriculture, R. M. Washburn.

Farmers' Week has attracted two visitors from long distances. J. E. Peeler came from Lake Worth, Fla., and Albert Hook from Baraboo, Wis. The majority of the out-of-state visitors registered today are from Kansas and Illinois.

The total registration early today had reached 650.

One hundred and thirty-seven visitors registered this morning. The following visitors have registered from out of the state: J. E. Peeler, Lake Worth, Fla.; F. M. Gregory, Peoria County, Ill.; W. H. Schlosser, Hudson, Ill.; C. B. Hammer, Decatur, Ill.; Ralph H. Searle, Topeka, Kan.; Albert Hook, Baraboo, Wis.; Miss Laura C. Holmes, Rosedale, Kan., and Miss Ida M. Fischer, Shenandoah, Iowa.

25 BABIES ENTERED

Healthiest Infant Will Be Selected Here Friday Afternoon.

Twenty-five fond mothers (fathers, too, perhaps) have entered their babies in the health contest of the Home Makers' Conference. In addition there may be one from outside of Columbia. This is a baby from Sedalia. The committee on entries is well pleased with the large number entered.

Mrs. C. W. Greene began the physical examination of the babies this morning. She will note the age of each contestant; whether it is blonde, brunette or medium; if artificially fed, what it gets and whether fed regularly; whether the child sleeps in an open and well ventilated room; and something about its size and vigor at birth.

Mrs. Greene expects to complete this examination of the children by Friday. At 4 o'clock Friday the babies will be taken to the Gordon Hotel Building where Dr. J. W. Calvert will examine each.

The babies will also be on exhibition.

FRANK WOULD COME HERE!

Kansas Coach Asks Professor Brewer About Place.

Leonard Frank, assistant football coach at Kansas has applied for the vacancy in Missouri's coaching staff. In a long-distance telephone talk with Coach Brewer, Mr. Frank inquired about the place and suggested that he might come to Columbia to arrange the terms.

Professor Brewer said today that the negotiations with Coach Frank were no different than those with fifty other men.

WHEN TWO TALL MEN MEET

Visiting Stockmen Here Are of Unusual Height.

C. M. Robinson of Madison who is 6 feet 10 inches tall and R. A. Shaver, 6 feet 7 inches tall, met in the Agricultural Building this morning. What did these giants do? Each, proud of his ability to look over the heads of ordinary people could do nothing but gaze at his rival in height. Both are stockmen and are ranked in their home counties as leaders in progress as well as size.

Writers' Club Meets Tonight.

The Writers' Club will meet at 7 o'clock tonight in Room 24, Academic Hall. At this meeting the editorial board and business manager are to be elected.

F. G. HARRIS IS CHAIRMAN

Columbia Man Heads Judiciary Committee of the Lower House.

James H. Hull, speaker of the house of the General Assembly, has appointed Frank G. Harris of Columbia as chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the house. O. H. Swearingen of Kansas City, a graduate of the University, was made chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.

The other chairmen for the house committees which were appointed are as follows: Criminal Jurisprudence, Joshua Barbee, Saline County; Municipal Corporations, T. J. Roney, Jasper County; Railroads and Internal Improvement, J. P. Boyd, Monroe County; Private Corporations, W. H. Phelps, Jasper County; Agriculture, Floyd S. Tuggle, Daviess County; Insurance, William Hicks, Jackson County; Banks and Banking, Walter Brownlee, Linn County; Ways and Means, Willie Huston, who is the father of Grover Huston, a student in the University.

MOORE'S TRIAL SET

Murder Case to Be Tried in Boone County Court March 10.

Henry Lee Moore, against whom there are two charges of murder in the first degree, will be tried Monday, March 10. The case was set for trial this morning. The case will be tried in the adjourned session of Circuit Court. When the case was set this morning the sheriff was ordered to summon eighty jurors, to appear March 10. The jurors are to be summoned from outside of the city of Columbia and the immediate vicinity.

Proceedings were delayed this morning in Circuit Court for a while, in order to await the coming of witnesses in a case.

Elijah Williams, a negro convicted of forgery, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

TALKED ON RURAL LIFE

First Conference Held—Formed Permanent Organization.

The Rural Life Conference held its first meeting yesterday afternoon and formed a permanent organization. The Conference will meet each year during Farmers' Week. The rural church was discussed at length.

W. L. Nelson, chairman of the conference, explained the aim of the organization. It is to help the farmer to make rural life more of a home life. The organization will support and promote movements for good roads, good homes and schools, and will try to revive the rural church.

Clair S. Adams of Decatur, Ill., spoke on The Church and the Farmer. Clarence Hatfield of Hoberg, Mo., and A. W. Taylor of Columbia also spoke at the meeting. About 150 persons attended the meeting.

NOTED SPEAKERS AT ASSEMBLY

W. L. Houser of Wisconsin Will Address Students Tomorrow.

The campaign manager of LaFollette, W. L. Houser of Wisconsin, a former substitute professor of dairy husbandry at the University of Missouri and the first dairy commissioner of this state; Prof. R. M. Washburn of the University of Minnesota, H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural College, if he can get away long enough from the ham judging contest, will be the speakers at assembly next Thursday morning. The University Cadet Band played at assembly yesterday.

PLAY AMES TOMORROW

First Conference Basketball Game Here This Week.

The Tiger basketball players are being "primed" for their first conference games this season. The Ames players will be here tomorrow for two games—tomorrow and Friday nights. Missouri's basketball record with Ames is much better than its football record. Last year and the year before the Tigers "broke even" with the Ames team.

Phelps County Dry by 251 Votes.

Rolla and Phelps County, in which is situated the School of Mines, voted dry Saturday by 1464 to 1113, a dry majority of 351. Four years ago the vote was 359.

Sophomore Journalists to Meet.

The sophomore journalists will meet in room 100, Switzer Hall at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Dean Walter Williams will speak.

WOMAN VISITOR HAS HEN WORTH \$1,000

Mrs. R. L. Alford of Vandalia Puts Big Price on "Lady Show All."

IS A BUFF ORPINGTON

Home-makers' Conference Hears Story of the Poultry Venture.

A single hen worth \$1,000 is owned by one of the women visiting here for Farmers' Week. Mrs. R. L. Alford of Vandalia, Mo., puts this value on a Buff Orpington which she hatched from an egg three years ago. She has been offered \$750 for the hen, "Lady Show All," but does not want to sell.

Lady Show All defeated the entries of the firm which originated Buff Orpingtons last Thanksgiving week in St. Louis. Mrs. Alford is the originator of the Billiken strain and has become quite widely known through it. She says she has no idea how much her poultry farm is worth, but she put several thousand dollars in it in the beginning. At first her returns did not meet the costs, but now she is beginning to make back all that was expended originally. At this morning's session of the Missouri Home-Makers' Conference, she told the other visiting farmers' wives and women farmers about her success and her methods.

Mrs. Alford says she has obtained practically all her knowledge through reading and experience. She herself has never sought aid from the College of Agriculture on poultry, but believes that it and the experiment station are doing a great work.

At the meeting of the conference Whittier of the University of Missouri gave a talk on "How the University and Other Agencies Can Help Women." Mrs. C. W. Greene told of the organization of the Federated Home Economics Clubs. Mrs. John Pickard spoke on music and pictures for children. She had a Victrola at the meeting on which pieces were played to illustrate her lecture.

Mrs. A. Ross Hill is to give a tea at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon to all women visitors.

AWARD 120 PRIZES

Rest of Premiums at Poultry Show to Be Decided Tomorrow.

One hundred and twenty premiums were awarded at the Boone County Poultry Show today. Ribbons were placed on Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, Buff Plymouth Rocks, Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, Single Comb Rhode Island Reds and Black Langhans. Adam Thompson, the judge, expects to complete his work tomorrow.

The awards today were as follows:

Barred Plymouth Rocks.
Francis Becker, St. Charles—first cock, first cockerel, first, fourth and fifth pullets; first pen; third, fourth and fifth hens.

J. H. Hanly, Monticello—first hen, second pullet, third cock, fourth and fifth pens.

John M. Bruns, Concordia—second cock, second hen, second pen, third pullet.

B. F. Oliver, Wainwright—second, third, fourth and fifth cockerels; second and third pens.

White Plymouth Rocks.

J. H. Hanly, Monticello—first cock, fifth hen.

Mrs. L. A. Wright, Columbia—first hen, first and second cockerels; third pullet, first pen.

S. O. Roberts, Centralia—first, second, fourth and fifth pullets; second hen, fourth cockerel, second pen.

L. Emison, Wellington—fifth cockerel, third pen.

Buff Plymouth Rocks.

W. S. Robinson, Fayette—first and second cocks, first and second cockerels; first, second, third and fourth pullets; first pen.

Dr. C. W. Newman, Columbia—fourth cock; first, second and third hens; third, fourth and fifth cockerels; second pen.

Hendricks Newman, Ashland—third cock, fourth and fifth hens, third pen. J. H. Hanly, Monticello—fifth cock.

E. C. Rhode Island Reds.
Mrs. Hugh Baker Columbia—first cock, first hen.

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